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SUBJ: UK POSITION ON REPRESENTATION AT CONSUMER-PRODUCER
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1. PRIOR TO PUBLIC REFERENDUM ON UK-EC RENEGOTIATIONS
IN EARLY JUNE, HMG OFFICIALS STATED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS
THAT AS MAJOR OIL CONSUMER, PROSOECTIVELY MAJOR PRODUCEER
AND HOME COUNTRY OF BP AND SHELL, UK WOULD INSIST ON
SEPARATE REPRESENTATION AT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF CON-
SUMERS ANO PROOUCERS. MORE RECENTLY, HOWEVER, FCO HAS
SPOKEN IN TERMS OF UK NOT ACCEPTING TO BE REPRESENTED BY
COMMISSION AT MINISTERIAL MEETING UNLESS AND UNTIL THERE
IS AN AGREED EC MANDATE ON ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES TO BE
DEALT WITH IN EACH COMMISSION. BRITISH ARE BEGINNING TO
DRAFT MANDATE BUT ARE UNCERTAIN HOW STRONG AND HOW
DETAILED IT WILL BE.

2. COMMENT: DECISIVE RESULT OF EC REFERENDUM MAKES IT
SOMEWHAT EASIER FOR /HMG TO TAKE A LESS INSISTENT LINE ON
SEPARATE REPRESENTATION AT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. BUT
BRITISH APPEAR DETERMINED, HOWEVER, TO INSIST ON AGREED
EC MANDATE WHICH WILL COVER THEIR POINTS. THEY ARE
FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN EXTRACT MAXIMUM POSSIBLE
FROM FRENCH; FRANCE BEING CONSIDERED "DEMANDEUR" IN
WANTING SUCCESSFUL PREPCON HELD IN PARIS AT EARLY DATE.

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